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TAGS: CASC (GARBAN, CURTIS, GRANT, RUPERT AND HENDRIX)

SUBJECT: W/W: AMERICAN PRISONERS IN ALGERIA

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. ON SAT. JAN. 24 AMBASSADOR PARKER VISITED FIVE AMERICANS IMPRISONED IN LAMBESE, BATNA. HE REPORTS PRISONERS APPEAR TO BE IN REASONABLE HEALTH. THEY PREOCCUPIED FOR MOST PART WITH DIET AND LACK OF WARMTH AND SAY CELLS ARE COLD AND DAMP. CURTIS AND GRANT RECEIVING MEDICAL ATTENTION AND IN PRISON INFIRMARY. CURTIS AND GRANT SAY THEY NEED DENTAL WORK WHICH PRISON DIRECTOR, AT REQUEST OF AMBASSADOR, SAID HE WOULD ARRANGE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LOU. PRISONERS REPORT THAT SEVERAL OF THEIR FAMILIES HAVE BEEN APPROACHED WITH SUGGESTIONS THEIR SENTENCES MIGHT BE REDUCED IF MONEY PAID TO QUOTE RIGHT PEOPLE UNQUOTE. ALL PRISONERS UNANIMOUS THAT PROPOSITIONS LIKE THIS SHOULD BE REJECTED. END LOU.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. FRANK CURTIS REQUESTS THAT FRIENDS BE TOLD TO SEND PACKAGES AIR MAIL AND NOT REPEAT NOT AIR CARGO. HE ASKS THAT FRIENDS, CARL TATOLLI AND RUBIN REISLER, BE INFORMED THAT HE IN REASONABLE HEALTH AND REQUESTS TATOLLI (531 WOODBRIDGE AVE., AVNEL, N.J.) SEND HIM DOLLARS 200 (TWO HUNDRED). MONTRAL

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4. RANDY HENDRIX REQUESTS PARENTS BE TOLD HE THINKS  
MESSAGE FROM THOMAS SNYDER RE PERSON TO PERSON CALL  
CONCERNED GARY STEELE.

5. GARY GARBAN SAYS PACKAGE OF WARM CLOTHING SENT TO  
HIM BY FATHER THREE MONTHS AGO NOT RECEIVED. HE IS  
RECEIVING FRENCH LESSONS AT HIS OWN REQUEST. EMBASSY  
PLANS PURCHASE WARM CLOTHING FOR HIM WITH MONEY  
REMAINING IN TRUST FUND ACCOUNT.

6. REQUEST DEPT. INFORM FRIENDS AND FAMILY OF ABOVE  
AS APPROPRIATE. DEPT. MAY ALSO WISH INFORM OFFICES OF  
CONGRESSMAN GARNER SHRIVER, SENATORS ALAN CRANSTON,  
JOHN TUNNEY, AND BOB DOLE OF VISIT. THEY HAVE RECENTLY  
WRITTEN REQUESTING STATUS REPORTS ON PRISONERS. END  
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